

This Life is What We Make It.
Let's often talk nobler deeds,
And the joys of the soul.
And sing about our happy days,
And none about the sad ones.
We were not made to fret and sigh,
And when grief comes to stay,
Bright life is waiting behind by—
That life is what we make it.

Let's find the happy side of men—
Or believe in it;
A bright there is in every soul—
That takes the pain to win it.
Oh! there's a slumbering good in all,
And a chance may wait for it;
Our hands control the world—
That life is what we make it.

Then how to those whose loving hearts
Sigh light and joy about them!
Thanks be to them for countless goss—
We never had known without them.
Oh! this should be a happy world—
To all who may partake it;
The fault's our own if it is not—
That life is what we make it.

God Men.

The world is upheld by the veracity of good men; they make the earth wholesome. Life is sweet and tolerable only in our belief in such society; and actually or ideally, we manage to live with superiors. We call our children and our lands by their names; their works and energies are in our houses.

Scared by a Crack Shot.

New York Sun.
Capt. Austin, who calls himself a crack shot, was cowardly enough to attempt recently in England the feat of shooting a potato off his wife's head. He succeeded in his first shot, but at the second his bullet struck the unfortunate woman in the forehead, where it glanced, saving her from death, it is true, but making a frightful scar three inches long.

Her Papa Swore.

A funny story is told of the Rev. I. E. Stidham, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Columbus. Last Sunday morning he was preaching very earnestly against profane language, when a little three-year-old girl climbed up in her seat and yelled at the top of her voice, "Mr. Stidham," three times. "Well, what is it?" inquired the preacher somewhat embarrassed. "Why, my papa swears?" The account says the little girl disappeared "mildly," and the sermon proceeded to a congregation of flushed faces.

A Part Mistaken.

Wall Street News.
The president of a New Mexico mining company—headquartered in Boston—entered his office the other day to find everything and everybody in a hubbub, and his demand to know the cause was replied to with: "Our mine has been turning out ore."

"No!"

"It's so." Here's a telegram announcing that we have actually struck it rich."

"Great Scots!" gasped the president, as he sank back into his chair. "What did these idiots want to go and discover for just as we had got ready to levy an assessment of \$2 per share to dig a three-mile tunnel to drain our hole. Why, stockholders will be kicking like steers in less'n a week."

Embarrassing.

At a dinner last week, a New York physician of eminence whom I saw told me an interesting story of an English doctor. "I used to come late to make the acquaintance of the others," he said. "To me was assigned to take to the table a lady whom I did not know and whom whom I did not distinctly hear. She had a shy face, and a gentle, sweet voice, and depending manner as if she were bashful and sought to escape observation. To encourage her I plumped at once into the topic I had just been discussing with a friend—George Eliot's last novel, 'Middlemarch.' Finding that my companion listened intelligently and knew what I was talking about, I said I then pained to discover a technical error in my favorite author's last book. I referred to the hospital scene, and showed that the doctor had taken a position quite untenable and unprofessional. I was much, in earnest, but I quieted down when I found that she agreed with me. After dinner my companion took a gentleman by the button, and said: 'See here, dear, I want you to know that this physician from America; Doctor, this is my husband, Mr. Lewis.' It was George Eliot to whom I had been explaining the incongruities of 'Middlemarch.'

A Convenient Solution.

Philadelphia Call.
"Say here, my friend, that dog of yours killed one sheep of mine last night, and I want to know what you propose to do about it?"
"Are you sure it was my dog?"
"Yes."

"Well, I hardly know what to do. I guess I had better sell him. You don't want to buy a good dog, do you?"

The Lime Kiln Club.

At the meeting opened, the president announced that the following spring motos would be hung on the walls during the coming week:—Pay cash.
Deal on square.
Sell your dog.
No man kin sit on de fence, and plant onions.

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The Combination of Apothecaries.

New York Sun.
It is really quite refreshing to learn that the druggists of this city have combined for mutual protection. In this case we would like to see protection so successful as to keep the public out of the apothecary shops altogether.

We are not at all sure that the mortality of New York would not be largely reduced by closing every drug store altogether.

It has been intimated that the chief purpose of the combination is to prevent one druggist from under-selling another. Then all will be able to realize higher prices than they can now obtain for their pills, potions and patent medicines.

This we cannot believe. It is impossible that any sane druggist can have the audacity to raise his price above those now ordinarily in the city of New York.

Their true purpose in associating themselves is probably to improve their minds.

They All Know.

A writer in the Portland (Me.) Press says that he took a spider from his web, put him on a chair, and set him afloat on the quiet waters of a pond. He walked all about the sides of the bark, surveying the situation very carefully, and, when the fact that he was really afloat and about a yard from shore seemed to be fully comprehended, he prospected for the nearest point of land. This point finally settled upon, he immediately began to cast a web for it. He threw it as far as possible in the air and with the wind. It soon reached and made fast to the spires of grass. Then he turned himself about, and in true sailor fashion began to haul in hand over hand on his cable. Carefully nedrew upon it until his bark began to move towards the shore. As it moved the faster, the faster he drew upon it to keep his hawser taut; and from touching the shore, very soon he reached the shore, and quickly leaping to terra firma, he sped his way homeward. Thinking, then, that he might be a special expert, and an exception in that line of boatmanship to the rest of his companions, he tried several of them, and they all came to shore in like manner.

Confirmed the Story.

Frankfort Weekly.
There was a granger convention somewhere near the State line between Indiana and Ohio, and as a matter of course, a little bragging was done by various farmers as to what each State produced. Among those who bragged was Farmer Johnson, from Miami, in Ohio, and who, by the way, is somewhat notorious for telling large and wonderful stories. During the course of his remarks, he said:

"There is a farmer living on the Miami reserve who annually manufactures 1,000,000 pounds of butter and over 2,000,000 pounds of cheese. This caused a great sensation and some laughter by way of derision, as much as to say the crowd did not swallow all of Farmer Johnson's story. He took fire at once, and appealed to Farmer Jones, of Ohio, to verify his assertion, and by giving the name of that great butter and cheese maker as Deacon Brown.

Farmer Jones rose slowly, and in a drawling farmer-like twang said:

"I know Deacon Brown makes a

good deal of butter and cheese—I do not know the exact number of pounds—but I know he runs seventeen sawmills with the butter-milk."

The Dwarf Trees of China.

The dwarf trees of China are curiosities of forestry. Every child knows how the Chinese clamp their women's feet by bandaging them when they are infants, and thus render it almost impossible for them to walk. It is, however, wonderful to see miniature oaks, chestnuts, pines and cedars growing in flower-pots, fifty years old, and yet not a foot high. To do this, take a young plant, cut off its tap-root, and place it in a basin in which there is good soil kept well watered. If it grows too rapidly, dig down and shorten in several roots. Every year the leaves grow smaller, and the little dwarf trees make interesting jets, just as some people raise canary birds and others squires.

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